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BLOODIEST BATTLE OF WAR BEING FOUGHT IN CARPATHIANS

**RUSSIAN ARMY WHICH HAS SUCCESSFULLY BE-
SIEGED PRZEMYSL, EXPECTED TO ASSIST
RUSSIANS NOW FIGHTING IN THE CARPA-
THIANS — EXPECTED TO BE SEVERAL DAYS'
BATTLE.**

Associated Press Correspondent Describes Battle Between Allied War-
ships and Turkish Forts at Dardanelles, when Allies' Three Bat-
tleships—Turkish Losses Were Small—One Battleship Damaged
Condition, Ran to Beach Late in the Afternoon, Within Range
Turkish Forts and Eight Shots Were Seen to Strike Full Upon the
Decks of this Warship within ten Minutes—Other Warships With-
drew at Dark, but Damaged Vessel Continued to Reply to Fire of
Forts—Petrograd Announces that Germans Have Abandoned Their
Attempt to Capture Ossowetz and are Moving Away Heavy Guns—
American Missionaries in Persia in Danger.

Berlin, March 23.—Carpathian re-
ports indicate one of the greatest and
bloodiest battles of the war is now
raging there. The German correspon-
dents wire that it will probably be
several days before there is any re-
sult and that the Russian army from
before Przemyśl is expected to par-
ticipate.

Story of Dardanelles Battle
Dardanelles, March 24.—The Asso-
ciated Press correspondent witnessed
the allies' bombardment of the Dar-
danelles when the allies lost three
battleships. The Turkish losses were
light, and so far as ascertained up to
the present, totalled twenty killed and
forty wounded. One gun was jammed
by debris.

The most thrilling sight was one
British battleship, which, on account
of its damage, ran to the beach late
in the afternoon within range of the
Turkish forts. The other warships
stood by until dark, when they left.
Eight shots were seen to strike full
upon the decks of this warship with-
in ten minutes, but when night came,
she was still replying to the Turkish
fire.

Germans Abandon Plans
Petrograd, March 24.—An official
statement says, the Germans in nor-
thern Poland have virtually abandon-
ed their attempt to capture Ossowetz,
where they tried to break through the
Russian chain of defenses. Failing in
this, the Germans since Sunday have
removed all but four of their heavy
batteries before Ossowetz.

Threaten American Missionaries.
Washington, D. C., Mar. 24.—Amer-
ican Consul F. W. Smith at Batum,
Russia, who is now in Tiflis, informs
the state department that American
missionaries and refugees are in dan-
ger at Urumiah, Persia. The Turkish
consul is reported to have led seven
hundred tribesmen there in an upris-
ing against the American mission.

Representations to Berlin.
Washington, March 24.—Secretary
Bryan announces that the state de-
partment is considering making rep-
resentations to Berlin that a German
aeroplane bomb endangered the Bel-
gian relief commission's steamer Elif-
land.

Raid on German Submarines.
London, March 24.—The admiralty
announces that the British made a
successful raid on the German sub-
marine station at Hoboken, three
miles outside Antwerp.

Allies Troops to Attack.
London, March 24.—A force of
allies troops was landed on the pen-
insula of Gallipoli yesterday, says
an Athens dispatch. A general at-
tack on the fortifications of Darda-
nelles is planned immediately after
the arrival of further French and
British warships, now en route. The
allied fleet resumed the bombard-
ment of the forts yesterday.

Five British aeroplanes started in
the rain this morning. Two of them
had to return owing to the thick
weather. The other three reached
Antwerp and planed down to within
one thousand feet above the yards,
where five submarines are under con-
struction, dropping five bombs each.
Despite the heavy gun fire, the yards
and two submarines are believed to
have been badly damaged. One avi-

ator descended and was interned in
Holland.

War With Italy Probable.
Geneva, March 24.—A Tribune dis-
patch from Vienna says "Austria con-
sidered war with Italy more probable.
Troops are being sent to Tyrol and
Trieste to construct defenses. The
Austrians are blowing up buildings
along the Italian frontier in Trent,
which are in the way of the artillery
fire. The Tribune says Austria might
consider separate peace with Rus-
sia, regardless of Germany.

Belgians Make Progress.
Paris, March 24.—An official state-
ment says one division of the Bel-
gian army made progress yesterday
on the Yser. Another division cap-
tured a German trench. In Alsace,
the French won some second line
trenches.

Mobilize Near Frontier
Rome, March 24.—News of a for-
midable concentration of Austrian
troops near the Italian frontier has
been received in Rome. It is also
stated that 40,000 reinforcements, in-
cluding several Bavarian regiments
are in the neighborhood of Trieste.

For the preservation of Trieste, it
is rumored Austria is prepared to
make peace with Russia by ceding
Orthodox Ruthenian Galicia in ex-
change for a portion of Catholic Pol-
and, or, if necessary, by still heavier
sacrifices.

The Austrian censor has again vet-
oed all discussion of the Italian prob-
lem, so that the Neue Freie Presse and
the Clerical Reichpost of Vienna ap-
pear with their main editorial articles
ruthlessly blotted out.

Despite all rumors to the contrary,
I am informed on weighty authority,
that no direct negotiations between
Austria-Hungary and Italy have yet
been begun.

What has really happened is that
Prince von Bulow, the German am-
bassador, after informally discussing Ital-
y's relation to the European conflict
at some, for the most part, casual
meetings with leading Italian politi-
cians, at length arranged the famous
interview with Premier Salandra. At
that interview he communicated his
personal hope and that of his govern-
ment of being able to obtain for Italy
that not unsubstantial something from
Austria with which he had on an ear-
lier occasion buoyed up former Pre-
mier Giolitti.

In thanking Prince von Bulow for
his desire to conciliate Austro-Italian
relations, Italy has merely intimated
that she has no objection to the am-
bassador trying his hand. Notwith-
standing Germany's importunity, no
preliminary understanding has been
reached up to the present, even, re-
specting the substantial part of the
mooted agreement—namely, an exten-
sion of the territory with which Aus-
tria would be disposed to part.

Last week's summoning to the col-
ors of all able-bodied men up to 42
years old proved how inadequate to the
situation was Austria's condition.

JOHNSON IN GOOD SHAPE

Black Fighter Pronounced Fit for Bat-
tle by American Visitors.

Havana, March 24.—Jack Johnson's
condition appears surprisingly good
to Americans arriving here. He is a
trifle fat about the hips, but displays
his old-time cleverness.

STONEWALL'S WIDOW DEAD.

Wife of Famous Confederate Leader
Dies in North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C., March 24.—Mrs.
Stonewall Jackson, widow of the
famous Confederate leader, died here
today, aged 84. She had been ill
for many months.

The funeral will be held at Lex-
ington, Va., tomorrow. Her body will
be interred by the side of her hus-
band.

Cotton in Southwest Oklahoma.

Wichita Falls, Tex., March 23.—So
much cotton is on hand in southwest
Oklahoma that the compress at Altus
will be required to run all sum-
mer to handle it, according to ad-
vice received at Wichita Falls and
Northwestern offices here. About 12-
900 bales are now at Altus, with ap-
proximately 30,000 more bales await-
ing shipment there from other points
in the state.

MORMONISM WAS SUBJECT OF A TALK

**WONDERFUL GROWTH OF THE
CHURCH IN THIS COUNTRY, AS
TOLD BY PRESBYTERIAN WORK-
ER, WILL LECTURE TONIGHT.**

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer talked for
an hour to the high school this morn-
ing. Mrs. Diefenderfer is represent-
ing the Woman's Board of Home Mis-
sions of the Presbyterian church. She
is a member of the National Reform
Association and holds the office of
president of the Anti-Polygamy Cru-
saders of the United States. She will
speak again tonight at the Presby-
terian church, and will leave tomor-
row morning for McAlester.

In her talk to the school children she
mentioned the negro problem of this
country, congratulated the black race
upon the advancement it had made,
and urged the education of the negro.
She gave a learned comment upon
American immigration, told of the lack
of proper distribution of immigrants
and how many of them stopped in
the crowded tenement sections of the
cities and around the big steel mills
of Pennsylvania. She deplored the
lack of Bible teaching in the public
schools of the country and plead for
a cleaner press and cleaner journalism
and asked the children to be careful
of the kind of literature they read.

The principal portion of her speech
was directed against Mormonism. She
had what purported to be a copy of
the marriage ceremony of the church
and said it was not clean enough to
be read in public. She recited the
Smoot incident at Washington and
told of the growth of Mormonism. She
said the Mormon girls were in Vassar,
and Mormon boys were in Yale, and
that one-third of the students at Ann
Arbor, Mich., are Mormons. At one
time there was but one Mormon to
the million of population and now
there is one to every 185 of popula-
tion of this country. She recited what
she said was the oath of the prophe-
ts and told how girls are persuaded
from European countries and brought
to Utah to be taught Mormonism
where the church teaches a plurality
of wives. She recited some of the
doctrines of the church. Her audience
listened with much interest and she
was cheered a number of times in
her talk.

Osage Payments Today.

Oklahoma City, March 23.—Osages
will receive their periodical payment
at the office of the superintendent
in Pawhuska Tuesday if they are all
sober and no bootlegger is on the
grounds. This is the notice that has
been given by the disbursing agent.
It is in pursuance to instructions
from Washington. The payment is
much smaller than usual owing to the
low price and consequent decreased
production of oil, from which source
most of the funds are gathered. The
total amount to be distributed is
\$127,834.52. To those who have not
already drawn their trust funds the
per capita payment will be \$74.26.

COUPLE FOUND DEAD IN HOME

**BEN HERN, AGED TWENTY-FIVE,
AND WIFE, AGED EIGHTEEN,
KILLED NEAR GAINESVILLE.**

CAUSE NOT KNOWN

Two Empty Chambers in Revolver
Near Bodies, Indicated that Young
Man Killed His Wife and Then Him-
self.

Gainesville, Tex., March 24.—Ben
Hern, aged 25, and his wife, 18 who
had been married three months, were
found shot to death, across the bed in
their home on a farm near here to-
day.

A pistol was found on the floor
nearby, with two empty chambers.

TENN GOARD IS KILLED

Albert Taylor Surrenders to Sheriff
Following Shooting.

Muskogee, Okla., March 23.—Tenn
Goard, 25 years old, is dead at Tah-
lequah as a result of a wound re-
ceived last night when Albert Taylor
fired on him with a shotgun loaded
with buckshot. Young Goard and
Taylor's daughter were at the home
of George Farris. The father called
the girl from the house and fired on
Goard, then went to the sheriff and
surrendered. The lower part of
Goard's face was blown away.

CAN'T TAKE ON SUPPLIES

British Cruisers in American Waters
Ordered Not to Take Supplies

Washington, D. C., March 24.—To
avoid any breach of neutrality, British
cruisers in American, Caribbean, Pa-
cific and South Atlantic waters have
been ordered to refrain from taking
aboard supplies for neutral ports.

CANDIDATES MUST FILE STATEMENT

**TWELVE DAYS AFTER ELECTION
IS TIME LIMIT, ACCORDING TO
STATEMENT OF SECRETARY OF
ELECTION BOARD.**

Now that the election is over and
the successful candidates are planning
for their administration some of them
have overlooked the fact that they
must file with the secretary of the
election a sworn statement of their
campaign expenses within twelve days
after the election or be subject to a
fine. Some of the candidates have
complied with this law, while others
have overlooked it, and the latter will
be notified by the secretary to comply
with the law at once as the time limit
has nearly expired. This applies to
the defeated as well as to the suc-
cessful candidates, on account of the
12th day falling on Sunday, the time
will expire Monday night.

German Held Without Bail.

Tulsa, March 23.—Steve Vronatze,
a German youth who has been in
this country but a short time, is a
prisoner in the county jail, being
held without bail following the killing
of Roy Burrus, 22 years old, an em-
ployee of the Wells Fargo company.
Vronatze claims Burrus had cursed
and threatened him and that he shot
in self-defense.

Signs Text Book Law

Austin, Tex., March 24.—Governor
Ferguson today signed the text book
law.

Swindling is Charged.

Muskogee, Okla., March 23.—W. D.
Leatherman and wife, charged with
swindling Mrs. Maud Lauffer of \$1-
200, were arraigned before Justice
W. G. Miller yesterday and entered
pleas of not guilty. Their bond was
fixed at \$1,500 each, and preliminary
trial set for Thursday. Leatherman
is a race horse man and was ar-
rested in Meridian, Miss.

Burned in Gas Explosion.

Tulsa, Okla., March 23.—Royce
Buckingham and Albert Prange, em-
ployees of the Carter Oil company,
were brought to a hospital here Mon-
day night, probably fatally injured in
a gas explosion near Yarhola during
the day. They were at work pump-
ing an oil well when escaping gas
ignited from the engine nearby.

TEXANS WILL BE FURNISHED WITH PROOF

**PENSION COMMISSIONER JONES
OF AUSTIN SAYS THAT PROOF
OF ENROLLMENT CAN BE SE-
CURED FROM HIM, IF DESIRED.**

With the passage of the pension
law in this state, there are a number
of former Texans now living in Okla-
homa, who will apply for their share
in this fund. In order to secure this,
the first thing is to furnish the board
with proof of service as a soldier. To
the many Texans living in this state,
pension commissioner Jones of Aus-
tin has issued a statement to the ef-
fect that he has the records at Aus-
tin, the property of the state of Texas
which cannot be removed, but any
one applying to him for this proof
will be furnished, provided he has the
record in his office. These records ap-
ply to old soldiers formerly living
in Texas and drawing pensions there,
but who later moved to Oklahoma to
live.

To all such, commissioner Jones will
furnish certified copies of the proof,
upon request. In making this state-
ment, Commissioner Jones states, that
he does this realizing the fact that
it is very hard at this time for old
soldiers to make proof of service, as
their comrades are in most cases
dead, or so far removed that they
have been lost sight of.

A letter addressed to J. C. Jones,
pension commissioner, Austin, Texas,
will receive the proper attention.

WOODMEN FRIGHTENED AT M'ALESTER

**CONVENTION FLOOR GAVE WAY
AND FELL OVER FOUR FEET —
LODGED ON SHELVING OF A
HARDWARE STORE.**

The floor in the state Woodmen con-
vention hall at McAlester gave way
this morning at 10 o'clock. The hall
is located above a hardware store.
The floor fell only about four feet,
and lodged on the shelves of the
store. No one was killed, no one
was seriously or permanently injured.
The vast audience suffered a severe
fright, but beyond a few sprained
ankles and other minor injuries, no
one was hurt.

The Ardmore delegation finished
their work last night, and when the
accident occurred, none from this
city were in the hall. They had gone
to make a visit through the peniten-
tiary.

The convention will not finish its
labors until tomorrow night. The
Masonic temple was tendered the
Woodmen and will be used for the
sessions until the convention closes.

CARRANZA AND VILLA FORCES CLOSING IN

**MOST DECISIVE BATTLE SINCE
DAYS OF HUERTA EXPECTED—
NUEVO LAREDO MENACED—
REPORT AMERICAN EXECUTED.**

Washington, March 23.—Reports to
the state department and to the Mex-
ican agencies here today continued to
indicate that Villa and Carranza forces
are massing near the coast in north-
ern Mexico for what may be the
most decisive battle fought since Huer-
ta was overthrown.

Advices to the state department
from Tampico, dated March 19, said,
the Carranza forces were "retreating
to Victoria and that the Villa forces
were marching on Victoria." This was
thought to mean that at least a con-
siderable part of the Tampico gar-
rison had marched inland to join the
army assembling to meet the oncom-
ing Villa troops. The same dispatch
said it was reported that in Tampico
now were approximately 2,500 Ameri-
cans, 300 British subjects, 50 Italians,
50 French, 2,000 Spaniards and 2,000
Chinese.

To Attack Nuevo Laredo.

A report to the department from
Laredo dated March 20, indicated that
a large Villa force was on its way
to attack Nuevo Laredo. Matamoros,
it was said, was being attacked and
Camargo was burning. Other reports
told of an outbreak of black smallpox
in Campeche, of the killing and theft
of live stock by looters in the vicinity
of San Carlos, Coahuila, and of the
robbing of stores in Guaymas by a
mob which resented the refusal of
Chihuahua to accept fiat money. The
governor, the dispatch said, had or-
dered 100 soldiers to Guaymas to pun-
ish the mob leaders.

The Villa agency made public re-
ports that General Chao, leading the
southern division of the campaign
against Tampico, had penetrated be-
yond Ebano to a point less than ten
miles from Tampico, and that the
vanguard of the Villa army operating
against Matamoros had reached Rey-
nosa, sixty miles from Matamoros. The
civil population, it was said, was flee-
ing from Matamoros to Brownsville,
Texas.

American Reported Executed.

Douglas, Ariz., March 23.—Henry
Carlson, an American soldier of for-
tune, and Colonel Rivera Dominguez,
a Villa commander, are reported in ad-
vices received here today, to have
been executed after a battle Friday,
which resulted in the capture of Cum-
pas, Sonora, by a Carranza force led
by Colonel Ramiraez.

Villa forces are said to be marching
northward from Nacozari and mass-
ing along the frontier, ostensibly to
besiege Agua Prieta.

"You can purchase at market rates
the arms and mounts of your scouting
party of ten men, which we captured
this morning," was a telephone mes-
sage sent by Villa followers to General
Elias Calles today. The ten soldiers
are said to have been executed.

General Calles has received a ship-
ment of a million pesos of Carranza
money and the first installment, said
to be \$100,000, of a half million in gold
promised him by the first chief.

Presbyterian Church Tonight.

Mrs. D. F. Diefenderfer will be
at the Presbyterian church tonight.
She talked at the services last night
and delighted her audience. She is
a representative of the woman's
board of home missions, and is mak-
ing a campaign against Mormonism.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., March 24.
—The weather forecast for
Oklahoma for tonight is in-
creasing cloudiness and warm-
er in the eastern portion;
Thursday unsettled and colder;
fresh southerly winds to
moderate gales today, shifting
to westerly tonight.